

MINUTES

SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR BOARD

APRIL 23, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Kimble Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. in Room W064, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana and declared a quorum, in accordance with IC § 25-23.6-2.

Members Present:

Kimble Richardson, M.S. L.M.H.C., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T., President
Geneva Osawe, MSW, L.M.F.T., L.C.S.W., Vice-President
Andrew Harner, MSW, L.C.S.W.
Rex Stockton, Ed.D, L.M.H.C., L.C.S.W., L.M.F.T., Psychologist, MHC Section Chair
Ruth Hallett, Consumer Member
Beth Compton, Consumer Member

Members Absent:

Bertha Muenks, MSW, L.C.S.W. –SW Section Chair
Kathy Grove, M.A., J.D., L.M.F.T., MFT Section Chair
Vacant, Psychiatrist Member

Staff Present:

Valerie Jones, Board Director
Nancy Harvey, Assistant Board Director
Donna Sembroski, Legal Counsel, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda, as amended.

COMPTON/HARNER
Motion carried 6-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2007

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting of the Board, as amended.

STOCKTON/HARNER
Motion carried 6-0-0

The Board congratulated Nancy Harvey for her great performance as interim Director during Director Jones' absence.

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

1. Nancy Kitchens

Ms. Kitchens appeared before the Board to discuss her letter regarding the reasons why she allowed her license lapse. Ms. Kitchens' letter stated that she has suffered from memory loss and that it had deteriorated. After discussion, the Board voted to require Ms. Kitchens to personally appear before the Board to discuss the matter.

The Board asked Ms. Kitchens about the circumstances that took place to cause her license to lapse. She informed the Board that she has had 3 battles with cancer and now

she is in remission. She continued to work as a school social worker in Kokomo and was able to complete client work. Her license as a school social worker is currently pending.

The Board questioned Ms. Kitchens about her memory loss. Ms. Kitchens informed the Board that she believes her thinking is clear and that her therapy is "on target". She stated that her supervisor has never had a problem with her work and that she has received counseling through her church.

A motion was made and seconded to reinstate her license to practice social worker.

HARNER/STOCKTON
Motion carried 6-0-0

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES- AUDIT APPEALS

1. Ethel I. Bartky, License #35001267A

Ms. Bartky's personal appearance was tabled until the May meeting.

2. Katherine S. Turner, License #34004316A

Ms. Turner's personal appearance was tabled until the May meeting.

3. Kelly Renee Liggett, License #33004306A

Ms. Liggett's personal appearance was tabled until the May meeting.

VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Continuing Education Audit Review

1. Steven Michael Kerr, License #33001155A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

2. Amy Joan Sczesny, License #33003753A, License #34004661A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

3. Jonathan C. Ray, License #33002231A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

4. Marlon A. Dean, License #34000395A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

5. Glenda Jeanell Sheffield, License #33000633A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

6. Molly Mochamer, License #33002369A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

7. Larry Jay Werbil, License #39001164A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

8. Judith Lynn McEwen, License #33001283A, License #35001216A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

9. Tina E. Murphy, License #34002941A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

10. Lois Ann Walters, License #34003212A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

11. Brenda J. Sanders, License #34001786A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

12. Linda Sue Fitzgerald, License #34002660A

The Board tabled review of this audit file until the May meeting.

B. Reinstatement of Retired Licenses

1. Nancy S. Gerow, License #35000667A

The Board reviewed documentation from Ms. Gerow, regarding her request to renew her retired license to practice marriage and family therapy. Ms. Gerow's license had been retired since April 1, 2004. Ms. Gerow submitted documentation of having completed 20 hours of CEUs within the previous 24 months, which is necessary for reinstatement of her retired license.

A motion was made and seconded to reinstate Ms. Gerow's retired license to practice marriage and family therapy based on the completion of the required CEUs.

HARNER/HALLETT
Motion carried 6-0-0

2. Diana Marchunt, License #34002799A

The Board reviewed documentation from Ms. Marchunt, regarding her request to renew her retired license to practice clinical social work. Ms. Marchunt's license had been retired since April 1, 2004. Ms. Marchunt submitted documentation of having completed 20 hours of CEUs within the previous 24 months, which is necessary for reinstatement of her retired license.

A motion was made and seconded to reinstate Ms. Marchunt's retired license to practice marriage and family therapy based on the completion of the required CEUs.

HARNER/STOCKTON
Motion carried 6-0-0

C. Licensure Reinstatement for Licenses Expired for Three-Plus Years

1. Raymond Brown Graham, License # 3300159A

The Board reviewed documentation from Mr. Graham, regarding his request to renew his expired license to practice social work. Mr. Graham's license had been expired since April 1, 1998. Mr. Graham submitted documentation of having completed 40 hours of CEUs within the previous 24 months, which is

necessary for the renewal of licenses expired for longer than three (3) years. Further, Mr. Graham submitted a letter detailing the reasons for failing to renew his license.

A motion was made and seconded to require Mr. Graham to personally appear before the Board and submit a letter from his current supervisor detailing his job description and work performance.

COMPTON/STOCKTON
Motion carried 6-0-0

2. Michael Douglas Cook, License # 35001392A

The Board reviewed documentation from Mr. Cook, regarding his request to renew his expired license to practice social work. Mr. Cook's license had been expired since April 1, 2002. Mr. Cook submitted documentation of having completed 40 hours of CEUs within the previous 24 months, which is necessary for the renewal of licenses expired for longer than three (3) years. Further, Mr. Cook submitted a letter detailing the reasons for failing to renew his license.

A motion was made and seconded to renew Mr. Cook's license to practice marriage and family therapy.

OSAWA/COMPTON
Motion carried 6-0-0

D. Request for Continuing Education Extension

1. Sandra J. Carmichael, License #34004838A

Ms. Carmichael submitted a letter to the Board requesting a three (3) month extension of the continuing education requirement for the 2006 licensure renewal cycle. Ms. Carmichael renewed online and affirmed that she did complete her continuing education requirement. The Board reviewed her letter and discussed the request.

A motion was made and seconded to require Ms. Carmichael to personally appear before the Board.

COMPTON/HARNER
Motion carried 6-0-0

E. Rule Readoptions

The Board reviewed LSA Document #07-49 pertaining to the readoption of the following rules:

839 IAC 1-1 Definitions
839 IAC 1-2-3 Verification; board authority
839 IAC 1-4-4 Standards for the competent practice of marriage and family therapy
839 IAC 1-4-7 Examination exemption for marriage and family therapists
839 IAC 1-5-4 Exemption from examination for mental health counselors
839 IAC 1-5-5 Standards for the competent practice of mental health counseling
839 IAC 1-6-4 Continuing education audits

A motion was made and seconded to readopt the following rules set forth in LSA Document #07-49:

839 IAC 1-1 Definitions

839 IAC 1-2-3 Verification; board authority
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COMPTON/STOCKTON
Motion carried 6-0-0

F. Ethics Requirement Discussion

The Board was contacted by Robert Siegmann, Director of Solutions Training Institute, concerning the number of ethics continuing education hours required by the Board per year. Mr. Siegmann believes that the Board's current requirement of 1 Category I hour per year is counterproductive and should be increased.

The Board stated that the requirement was considered at the public hearing and determined to be a fair requirement.

G. Association of Social Work boards (ASWB) Discussion

Director Jones informed the Board of the upcoming Board Member Trainings offered by ASWB. Director Jones then informed the Board of the examination pass rates of social work and clinical social work applicants in the State of Indiana as it compares to the national average. The Board was concerned about the low pass rate of clinical applicants. The Board discussed making possible changes to the licensure laws to allow additional licenses so that applicants can take the exam immediately following graduation.

VII. CE SPONSOR APPLICATION REVIEW

- A.** A motion was made and seconded to request additional information for the application of the continuing education sponsor application of Alliance Home Care.

HALLETT/HARNER
Motion carried 6-0-0

- B.** A motion was made and seconded to request additional information for the continuing education sponsor application of Family Service Society, Inc.

HALLETT/HARNER
Motion carried 5-0-1

Ms. Osawe abstained

- C.** A motion was made and seconded to request additional information for the continuing education sponsor application of Indiana Departmental Training Center.

HALLETT/HARNER
Motion carried 6-0-0

- D.** A motion was made and seconded to request additional information for the continuing education sponsor application of Floyd Memorial Hospital & Health Services.

HALLETT/STOCKTON
Motion carried 6-0-0

- E.** A motion was made and seconded to request additional information for the continuing education sponsor application of Wisdom Intervention Plus, Inc.

HALLETT/HARNER

Motion carried 6-0-0

VIII. FORMAL ADOPTION OF APPLICATION REVIEWS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendations made by each section of the Board for the licensure application reviews conducted from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and at any other time since the previous board meeting.

HALLETT/STOCKTON

Motion carried 6-0-0

A. The applications of the following individuals were approved for examination:

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| 1) Body, Janice | (LMHC) |
| 2) Burke, Linda | (LMHC) |
| 3) Carpenter, Donnica | (LMHC) |
| 4) DeRaedt, Mary | (LMHC) |
| 5) Frick, Peggy | (LMHC) |
| 6) Hays, Mary | (LMHC) |
| 7) Hooven, Hazel | (LMHC) |
| 8) Mosher-Rudolph, Regan | (LMHC) |
| 9) Reeves, Ruth | (LMHC) |
| 10) Self, Rita | (LMHC) |
| 11) Silva, Linda | (LMHC) |
| 12) Bonnett, Bradley | (LMFT) |
| 13) Cutshall, Howard | (LMFT) |
| 14) Broome, Gayle | (LCSW) |
| 15) Feldman, Nancy | (LCSW) |

B. More information was requested from the following applicants before final action can be taken on applications for licensure via examination:

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| 1) Butt, Juliann | (LMHC) |
| 2) Horton, LuAnn | (LMHC) |
| 3) Raines, Cynthia | (LMHC) |
| 4) Smedley, Joseph | (LMHC) |
| 5) Uberta, Priscilla | (LMHC) |
| 6) Wilson, Ronald | (LMHC) |
| 7) Young, Randall | (LMHC) |
| 8) Denton, Sheri | (LMFT) |

C. The applications of the following individuals were denied for examination:

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| 1) Taylor, John | (LMFT) |
| 2) Horvath-Knowlton, Marie | (LSW) |

D. The applications of the following individuals were approved for licensure via endorsement:

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| 1) Lee, Patricia | (LMHC) |
| 2) Schmidt, Jodi | (LCSW) |
| 3) Franklin, Anna | (LSW) |
| 4) Home, Amy | (LSW) |

E. More information was requested from the following applicants before final action can be taken on applications for licensure via endorsement:

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| 1) Collins, Rhonda | (LMHC) |
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IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

RICHARDSON/Stockton
Motion carried 6-0-0

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist and Mental Health Counselor Board adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Kimble Richardson, MSW, L.C.S.W. –President
Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist and Mental Health Counselor Board